



## **Congresswoman Susan A. Davis**

*Serving California's 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District*

### **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

#### **Medicaid (Medi-Cal)**

##### **Description**

The agreement expands eligibility for Medicaid and provides for increased federal matching payments to states. The cost of this provision is approximately \$86.6 billion and California is expected to receive approximately \$11.2 billion.

All states will receive an increase in their federal Medicaid matching payments by 6.2% over a 27 month period. Additional federal matching payments will be available for states with large increases in unemployment.

The agreement extends the following programs through December 31, 2010:

- Transitional Medicaid Assistance program
- Qualified Individual (QI) program

The agreement also provides incentives to encourage providers to invest in health information technology, establishes a program exclusively focused on preventive health care and provides for funding increases for medical research, the Head Start and Early Start programs, community health centers, child care programs, and training programs for primary care professionals.

##### **Eligibility**

You must be enrolled in Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California), the Transitional Medicaid Assistance program or the QI program. The federal matching funds will be used to extend current programs already administered by the state, which are determined by a set formula established by each state.

##### **How to obtain the benefit**

Medicaid is administered by each state and enrollment is done through each county. Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program. You must apply for Medi-Cal in order to receive it.

##### **Questions or Help**

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